

Page 1, line 7, please insert the following --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

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Page 2B, line 1, please delete "Object of the invention", and insert, --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2B, line 6, please delete "General description of invention".

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Page 9, line 4, please delete "Description with reference to the Figures", and insert, --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 9, line 22, please insert the following --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel existing Claims 1-19.

Please add the following new Claims 20-44:

20. (New) A device for venting a gas bag made of a textile material, comprising at least one ignitable pyrotechnic charge which is associated to the gas bag in such a way that, when the pyrotechnic charge is ignited, at least one thread of the textile material is directly destroyed by the explosion of the pyrotechnic charge.